of nutritionus supplement to children from 6 months to 6 years, adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating mothers to break the inter-generational cycle of malnutrition in the below poverty line population in backward districts of the country is one of the important components of the scheme.

Edible oil extraction industry

†4148. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the full use of installed capacity in edible oil extraction industry is possible by providing appropriate quantity of oilseeds;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) the total quantity of oilseeds production assessed to be required for using the full installed extraction capacity in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The domestic production of oilseeds is short of the total requirement of Solvent Extraction Industry. In order to enhance utilization of capacity of the Solvent Extraction Industry, Government has allowed import of oilseeds and oil bearing materials except coconut/copra under Open General License (OGL).

(c) There are 785 Solvent Extraction Plants having annual capacity of 337 lakhs MT in terms of oil bearing materials in the country. The requirement of the Solvent Extraction Industry for full utilization of the installed capacity is, therefore, 337 lakhs MT in terms of oil bearing materials including oilseeds.

Essential Commodities Act

4149. SHRI R.P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the Essential Commodities Act;

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